

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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~~**TOP SECRET**~~

1. Berlin

a. At no time while the Soviets were obstructing our convoy did we see signs of unusual Soviet military activity.

b. There was no interference with the convoy at Babelsberg.



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2. South Vietnam

a. A number of past functions of the Interior Ministry are being moved over to the Ministry of Agriculture, including the such important programs as rural affairs and strategic hamlets.

b. These functions, as keys to the counterinsurgency effort, receive substantial aid funds. Their transfer out from under Minister of Interior Ton That Dinh is probably intended to cut back some of the alarming potential for trouble making that he is accumulating.

c. This potential continues to grow. Two of Dinh's former subordinates have been proposed as commanders of the military corps areas immediately north and south of Saigon.

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d. The first Viet Cong reaction to the coup was a flurry of attacks in the Delta, particularly against strategic hamlets (now called "fortified" hamlets by coup leaders to get away from Nhu's terminology). Most have been repulsed, however, with only light government losses.

3. USSR - Polet I

a. The Soviets have apparently not maneuvered their highly touted, "maneuverable" Polet I satellite since the early moments of its first orbit.

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4. Somalia-USSR

a. Prime Minister Abdirascid has informed the West Germans, the Italians, and ourselves that arms offers we have made are too little and too late.

b. He is going ahead with Soviet offers and training programs and hopes this will not affect friendly relations with the West.

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5. Algeria

a. With the Moroccan front simmering down and war hysteria no longer appropriate to his needs, Ben Bella is once again maneuvering to keep control on the political front.

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b. At the moment he appears to be buying his foes by selling his friends.

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d. He and Boumedienne have never trusted one another, and the latter is vulnerable because he was apparently responsible for the attack on Figuig after the cease-fire. Boumedienne may not be too easy to dispose of, however.

6. Indonesia

a. The athletic Games of the Newly Emerging Forces which get under way in Djakarta next week seem to be surpassing Sukarno's fondest hopes.

b. Forty of the fifty-three countries invited are sending participants, including a number from Latin America. Communist China is sending a rousing 670 (about half are athletes).

c. The government is currently preoccupied with arrangements.

NOTES

- A. USSR-India The Indian government is under the impression that Khrushchev plans to visit Ceylon and Nepal before the end of the year and has renewed its invitation to him to visit India as well.
- B. Syria The Baathist regime has been belaboring Syria's "bourgeoisie" to such an extent recently that many influential upper and middle class members are trying to leave the country. Those being scared away by talk of collectivization and elimination of private enterprise are, of course, the ones with the technical training the regime needs most. The important elements of Syrian society antagonized by the Baath have not yet coalesced into an effective opposition.